

STATE OF IOWA
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
UTILITIES BOARD

IN RE: U S WEST COMMUNICATIONS, INC., n/k/a QWEST CORPORATION, AND NEWPATH HOLDINGS, INC.	DOCKET NO. NIA-00-18
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**ORDER APPROVING AMENDMENTS NO. 1 AND NO. 2 TO NEGOTIATED
INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT**

(Issued January 9, 2001)

On November 28, 2000, U S WEST Communications, Inc., n/k/a Qwest Corporation, and NewPath Holdings, Inc., filed a first and second amendment to their negotiated interconnection agreement. Amendment No. 1 replaces existing unbundled network elements language and existing operational support systems language in their entirety with new terms, conditions, and rates. Amendment No. 2 replaces the collocation section in its entirety. The proceeding was identified as Docket No. NIA-00-18. The Utilities Board (Board) approved the initial negotiated interconnection agreement on May 15, 2000. Review by the Board of this amendment is pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 252(e). On December 12, 2000, the Board issued an order allowing any interested party the opportunity to submit written comments supporting approval or rejection of the amendment within 30 days of the filing. No comments were filed.

Pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 252(e)(2)(A), the Board may reject a negotiated interconnection agreement or amendment if it finds either (1) the agreement or amendment discriminates against a telecommunications carrier not a party to the agreement, or (2) the implementation of the agreement or amendment is not consistent with the public interest, convenience, and necessity. Based upon the record made in this docket, the filed amendment does not discriminate against any other telecommunications carrier and is not inconsistent with the public purpose and will be approved.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

Amendments No. 1 and No. 2 to the negotiated interconnection agreement filed on November 28, 2000, by U S West Communications, Inc., n/k/a Qwest Corporation, and NewPath Holdings, Inc., is approved to be effective upon the issuance of this order.

UTILITIES BOARD

/s/ Allan T. Thoms

/s/ Susan J. Frye

ATTEST:

/s/ Judi K. Cooper

Acting Executive Secretary

/s/ Diane Munns

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 9th day of January, 2001.